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TRAFFIC FATALITY #53

Case: 08-3081761

Date: Monday, November 3, 2008

Time: 6:40 p.m.

Location: South 1st Street and Barton Springs Road

Deceased: Joel Ethan Smith, White male, (DOB: 02/03/73)

Narrative:

On Monday, November 3, 2008, Southwest Area Command patrol officers responded to a traffic fatality crash on South 1st Street and Barton Springs Road.

A preliminary investigation shows that a black Ducati motorcycle was southbound on South 1st and was going through the intersection at Barton Springs Rd. The motorcyclist struck a pedestrian who had stepped off the east curb line and into the path of the motorcycle. The motorcyclist lost control, slid off the roadway and struck a silver Pontiac Vibe that was stopped in the Whataburger parking lot. Austin-Travis County EMS transported Mr. Smith to University Medical Center at Brackenridge where he was pronounced deceased as a result of the injuries sustained in the crash.

Mr. Smith was wearing a helmet. The male pedestrian was also transported to University Medical Center at Brackenridge with non-life threatening injuries. The occupants of the Pontiac were not injured.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call APD Vehicular Homicide Unit Detectives at 512-974-8543.

This case remains under investigation by APD Vehicular Homicide detectives. This is the 53rd traffic fatality of 2008.

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